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MIGUEL O'HARA WAS A YOUNG GENETICS GENIUS EMPLOYED AT THE MEGACORPORATION ALCHEMAX IN THE FUTURE CITY OF NUEVA YORK! ONE OF HIS EXPERIMENTS--TO REPLICATE THE POWERS OF THE PRESENT-DAY SPIDER-MAN--WAS TURNED AGAINST HIM AND REWROTE HIS DNA TO MAKE IT 50 PERCENT SPIDER! AFTER LEARNING HOW TO USE HIS AMAZING NEW ABILITIES, MIGUEL BECAME...

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LYLA HERE, MIGUEL O'HARA'S LYRATE LIFE-FORM APPROXIMATION HOLOGRAPHIC ASSISTANT. LET'S CATCH YOU UP QUICKLY.
ON A RECENT (UNPLANNED)TRIP TO 2099, MIGUEL DISCOVERED THAT HIS TIMELINE WAS NO LONGER A RADIOACTIVE WASTELAND, BUT INSTEAD UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SINISTER SIX.
ESCAPING BACK TO YOUR DECADE, SPIDEY SHARED NEWS OF FUTURE'S STATE WITH ROBERTA MENDEZ (THE CAPTAIN AMERICA OF THE FUTURE, WHO'S ALSO BEEN MAROONED IN YOUR TIME). WORRIED FOR HER FAMILY, CAP SET OFF TO 2099, ASKING THAT SPIDEY STAY BEHIND AS BACK UP.
BACK IN YOUR TIME, ULYSSES, A YOUNG INHUMAN WITH THE ABILITY TO SEE THE FUTURE, HAD A VISION OF CAPTAIN AMERICA IN MORTAL PERIL, AND WARNED MIGUEL OF HER PLIGHT. SPIDEY MADE THE TIME JUMP TO HELP HER. WHAT HE FOUND, THOUGH, WAS A WORLD WITHOUT THE SINISTER SIX WHERE ALL SUPER-POWERED PEOPLE ARE BEING HUNTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MYSTERIOUS C.E.O. OF ALCHEMAX.
MIGUEL SOUGHT HELP FROM THE HEROES OF 2099 TO FIND CAPTAIN AMERICA BEFORE THE SEARCH FOR HER FAMILY LED HER INTO DANGER. BUT IT SEEMS THE HEROES WERE A LITTLE TOO LATE...

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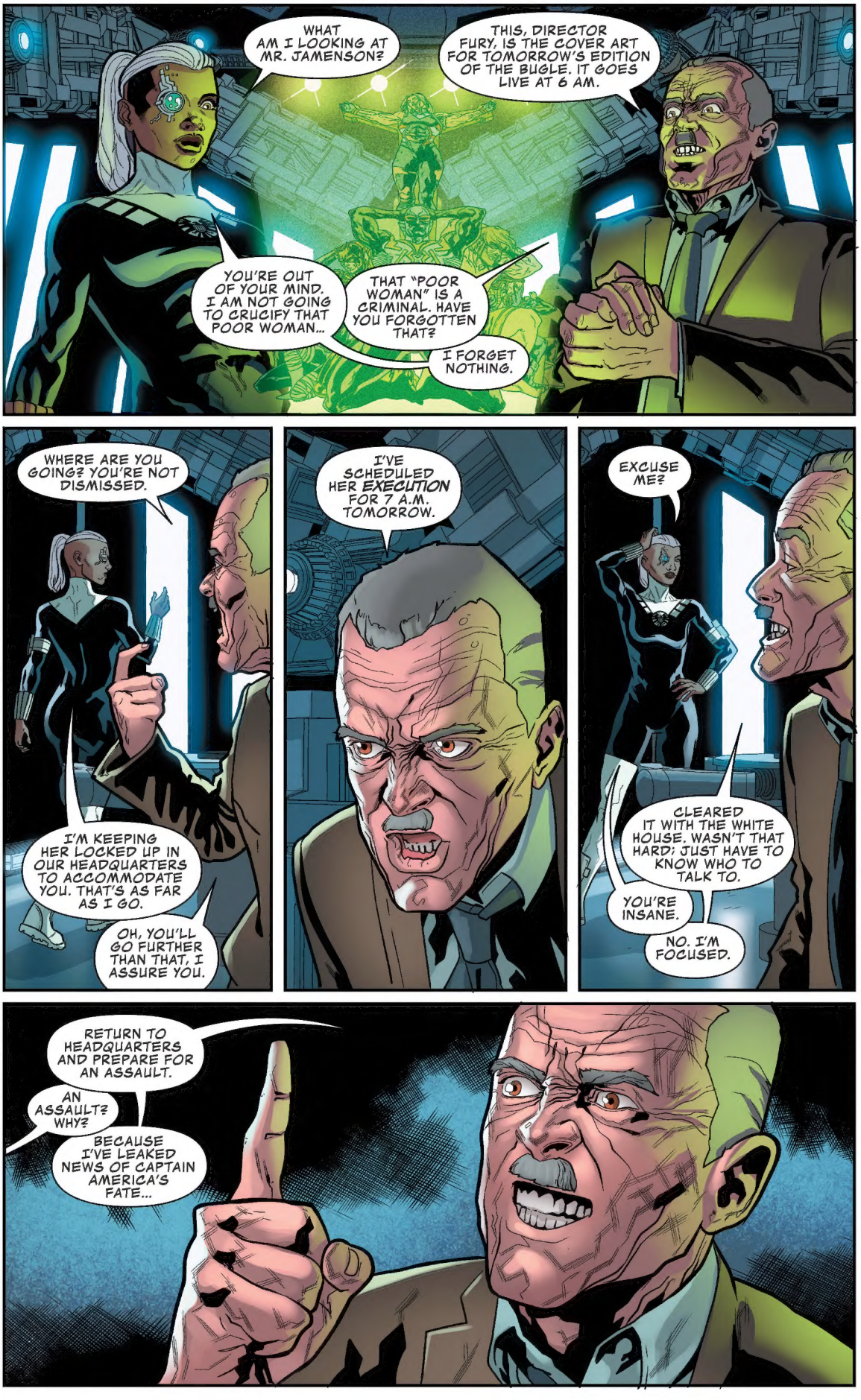
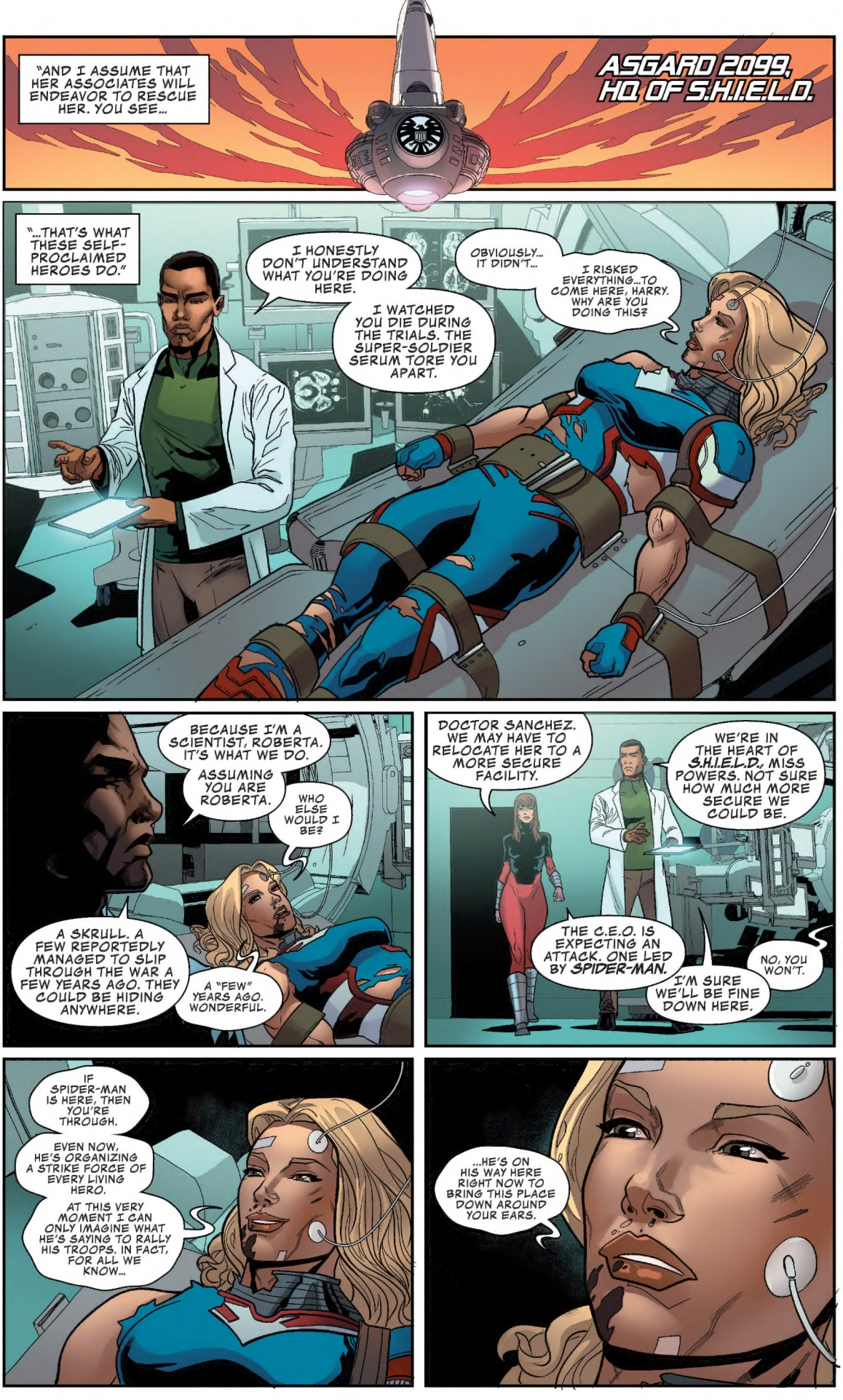
THIS IS IT. THIS IS PERFECT. THE CULMINATION OF MY CAREER.


WHAT AM I LOOKING AT MR. JAMENSON?
THIS, DIRECTOR FURY, IS THE COVER ART FOR TOMORROW'S EDITION OF THE BUGLE. IT GOES LIVE AT 6 AM.
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND. I AM NOT GOING TO CRUCIFY THAT POOR WOMAN...
THAT "POOR WOMAN" IS A CRIMINAL. HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT?
I FORGET NOTHING.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? YOU'RE NOT DISMISSED.
I'M KEEPING HER LOCKED UP IN OUR HEADQUARTERS TO ACCOMMODATE YOU. THAT'S AS FAR AS I GO.
OH, YOU'LL GO FURTHER THAN THAT, I ASSURE YOU.
I'VE SCHEDULED HER EXECUTION FOR 7 A.M. TOMORROW.
EXCUSE ME?
CLEARED IT WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. WASN'T THAT HARD; JUST HAVE TO KNOW WHO TO TALK TO.
YOU'RE INSANE.
NO. I'M FOCUSED.
RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS AND PREPARE FOR AN ASSAULT.
AN ASSAULT? WHY?
BECAUSE I'VE LEAKED NEWS OF CAPTAIN AMERICA'S FATE...


"AND I ASSUME THAT HER ASSOCIATES WILL ENDEAVOR TO RESCUE HER. YOU SEE...
ASGARD 2099, HQ OF S.H.I.E.L.D.
"...THAT'S WHAT THESE SELF-PROCLAIMED HEROES DO."
I HONESTLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE.
I WATCHED YOU DIE DURING THE TRIALS. THE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM TORE YOU APART.
OBVIOUSLY... IT DIDN'T...
I RISKED EVERYTHING...TO COME HERE, HARRY. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
BECAUSE I'M A SCIENTIST, ROBERTA. IT'S WHAT WE DO.
ASSUMING YOU ARE ROBERTA.
WHO ELSE WOULD I BE?
A SKRULL. A FEW REPORTEDLY MANAGED TO SLIP THROUGH THE WAR A FEW YEARS AGO. THEY COULD BE HIDING ANYWHERE.
A "FEW" YEARS AGO. WONDERFUL.
DOCTOR SANCHEZ. WE MAY HAVE TO RELOCATE HER TO A MORE SECURE FACILITY.
WE'RE IN THE HEART OF S.H.I.E.L.D., MISS POWERS. NOT SURE HOW MUCH MORE SECURE WE COULD BE.
THE C.E.O. IS EXPECTING AN ATTACK. ONE LED BY SPIDER-MAN.
NO, YOU WON'T.
I'M SURE WE'LL BE FINE DOWN HERE.
IF SPIDER-MAN IS HERE, THEN YOU'RE THROUGH.
EVEN NOW, HE'S ORGANIZING A STRIKE FORCE OF EVERY LIVING HERO.
AT THIS VERY MOMENT I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT HE'S SAYING TO RALLY HIS TROOPS. IN FACT, FOR ALL WE KNOW...
...HE'S ON HIS WAY HERE RIGHT NOW TO BRING THIS PLACE DOWN AROUND YOUR EARS.

MEANWHILE...
COME ON, SHAHTI!
I NEED YOUR HELP!
NO.
TO LAUNCH AN ASSAULT ON S.H.I.E.L.D.? YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND.
YOU HEARD WHAT HAWKEYE SAID...
THE POWER PACK TOOK HER DOWN WITH NO PROBLEM. IF THEY'D SPOTTED ME WATCHING HER, I'D'VE BEEN NEXT.
AND NOW IT'S BEING ADVERTISED THAT SHE'S SCHEDULED FOR EXECUTION.
WHICH IS MOST CERTAINLY A TRAP.
WIDOW'S RIGHT. THE C.E.O. WANTS A RESCUE MISSION SO THEY CAN CAPTURE THE REST OF US.
WHO IS THIS C.E.O., ANYWAY?
I'VE NO IDEA. BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT.
I'M NOT GONNA TELL YOU ANYTHING, STRANGE!
I'M AFRAID IT'S NOT UP TO YOU, OFFICER GALLOWS.
LET YOUR INNER THOUGHTS BE REVEALED.
I...I...
REVEAL THE C.E.O.'S FACE.
I WON'T... I...
YES. YOU WILL.

WELL, THERE HE IS. DON'T RECOGNIZE HIM, THOUGH. SO I'M NOT SURE HOW--
MY GOD. IT'S JAMESON.
WHO?
J. JONAH JAMESON.
WHO IN THE WORLD IS...?
THE FORMER MAYOR OF NEW YORK, AND PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY BUGLE. A NEWSPAPER.
A WHAT NOW?
ONCE UPON A TIME, THE NEWS WAS PUBLISHED EVERY DAY ON SHEETS OF PAPER.
YOU'RE KIDDING. WHEN? THE 1700s?
HOW IN THE WORLD CAN JAMESON STILL BE ALIVE? IS HE A CLONE OR--?
IT COULD POSSIBLY BE MYSTIC IN ORIGINS.
WHY WOULD JAMESON BE INVOLVED IN MYSTICISM?
YOU KNOW WHAT? NEVER MIND.
IF THE C.E.O. IS JAMESON, THAT OPENS UP SOME POSSIBILITIES. I MAY HAVE A PLAN THAT SITS WELL WITH YOU.
WE CAN ALL GET WHAT WE WANT.

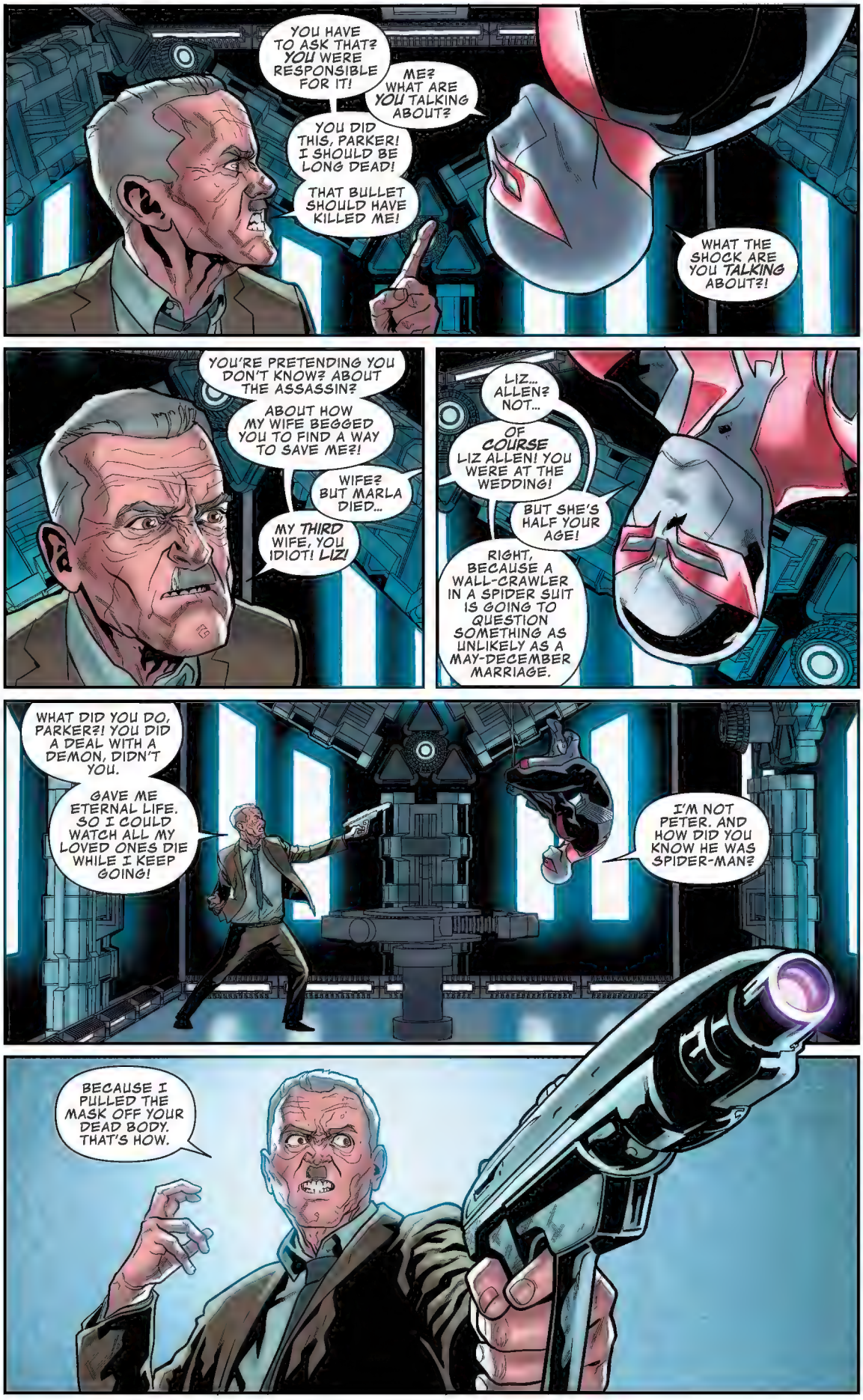
I DON'T LIKE THIS ONE BIT.
YES, NIK, YOU'VE MADE THAT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR.
HEY, THOSE CRETINS INJURED LUNA. I'M DYING TO HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE AT THEM.
THE C.E.O. CALLED IT! WE'VE GOT INCOMING!
HOW MANY, KATIE?
"OH... A FEW."

LET THE PRINCE OF POWER ANNOUNCE OUR PRESENCE!
THOOOOM
CRIPES!
OKAY, MINISKIRT! TAKE A HIKE!
OOOFFF!!
SEND IN THE CLONE STRIKE FORCE!
STRIKE FORCE REPORTING FOR DUTY!

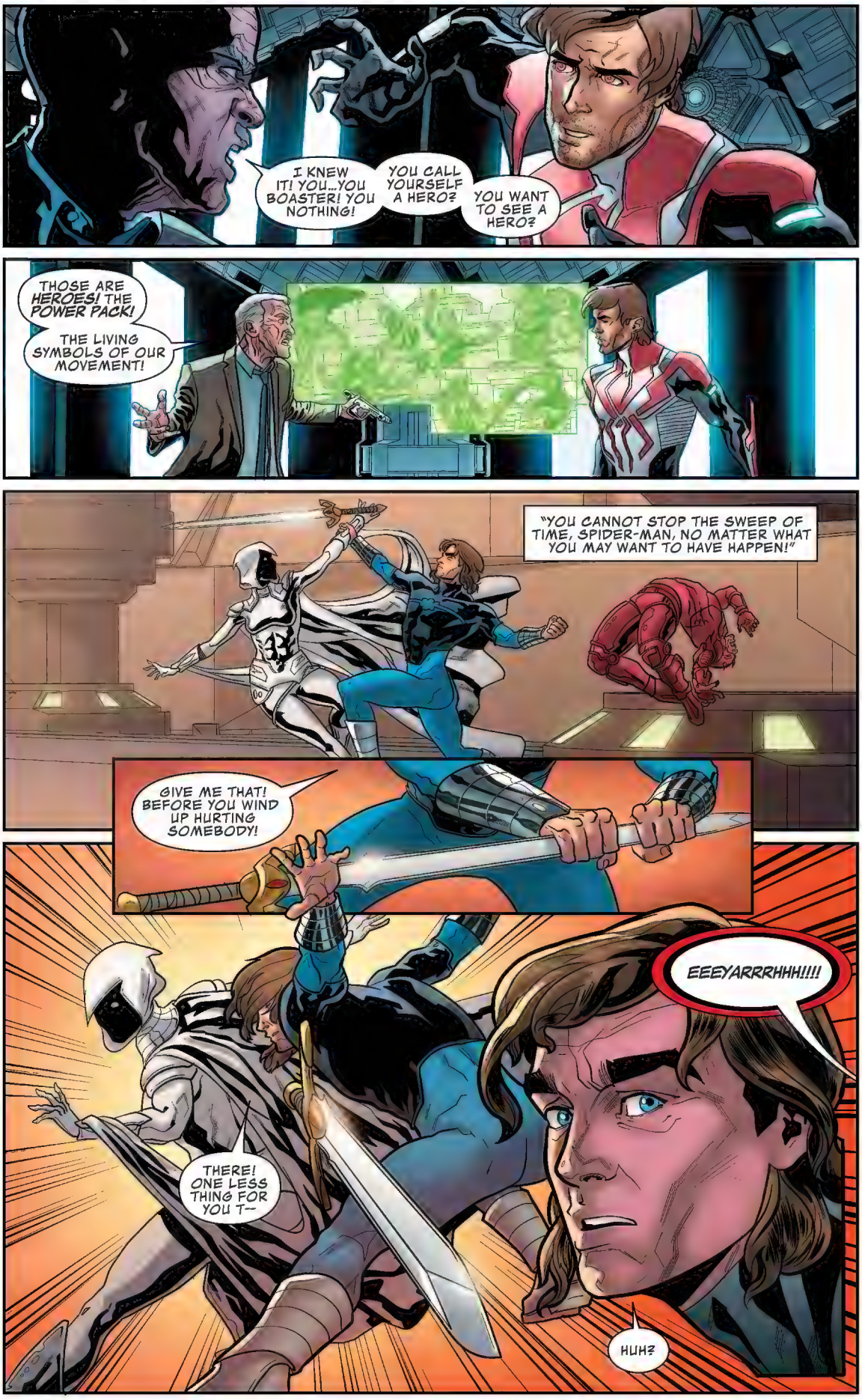
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!
WUMMMF
WHAT THE--?!
HOW ARE YOU DOING THAT--?!
SON OF A--!!!

SLOW DOWN!
SO YOU CAN USE YOUR POWERS AGAINST ME? NO THANKS!
WE REALLY DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO HURT YOU.
I WOULD NOT BE THE LEAST BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THAT!
I SAID I DIDN'T WANT TO. NOT THAT I WOULDN'T!
DID YOU THINK I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE?
OOOOOFFF! WELL, I HOPED.
YEAH. THAT HURT.
ALL AVAILABLE UNITS! ORDERS ARE TO CONVERGE ON S.H.I.E.L.D.! MOVE IT!

WHERE THE HELL IS SPIDER-MAN?!
ALCHEMAX
HE MUST BE HIDING TOWARD THE REAR FOR SOME REASON.
PERHAPS HE'S PART OF SOME SECOND WAVE. FIGURES THE OTHERS WILL SOFTEN UP S.H.I.E.L.D. AND THEN HE'LL COME IN FOR THE FINAL ROUND.
SURE. THAT'S IT.
GUESS AGAIN.
THE ASSAULT ON S.H.I.E.L.D. IS A DISTRACTION, JAMESON. I FIGURED IT WOULD GET YOU TO COMMIT ALL YOUR FORCES AND ATTENTION THERE, SO I COULD COME WALTZING IN WITH NO PROBLEM.
YOU!
YES. ME. OBVIOUSLY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, JAMESON? HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?


YOU HAVE TO ASK THAT? YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT!
ME? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU DID THIS, PARKER! I SHOULD BE LONG DEAD!
THAT BULLET SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME!
WHAT THE SHOCK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
YOU'RE PRETENDING YOU DON'T KNOW? ABOUT THE ASSASSIN?
ABOUT HOW MY WIFE BEGGED YOU TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE ME?!
WIFE? BUT MARLA DIED...
MY THIRD WIFE, YOU IDIOT! LIZ!
LIZ... ALLEN? NOT...
OF COURSE LIZ ALLEN! YOU WERE AT THE WEDDING!
BUT SHE'S HALF YOUR AGE!
RIGHT, BECAUSE A WALL-CRAWLER IN A SPIDER SUIT IS GOING TO QUESTION SOMETHING AS UNLIKELY AS A MAY-DECEMBER MARRIAGE.
WHAT DID YOU DO, PARKER?! YOU DID A DEAL WITH A DEMON, DIDN'T YOU.
GAVE ME ETERNAL LIFE. SO I COULD WATCH ALL MY LOVED ONES DIE WHILE I KEEP GOING!
I'M NOT PETER. AND HOW DID YOU KNOW HE WAS SPIDER-MAN?
BECAUSE I PULLED THE MASK OFF YOUR DEAD BODY. THAT'S HOW.

OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE TIME TRAVELING. SO CONGRATULATIONS. I'VE JUST TOLD YOU YOUR FUTURE.
A SMALL GIFT TO--
Y...YOU'RE NOT PARKER.
I KNOW THAT.
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
IN A DIFFERENT TIME, I WORKED FOR YOU. BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING, THOUGH. I AM A TIME TRAVELER.
SO IS CAPTAIN AMERICA. I WANT HER SET FREE. NOW.
OR WHAT?
OH YES! YES! DO IT! HIT ME! YOU'D LIKE TO DO THAT, WOULDN'T YOU?!
FOR A MOMENT, I REALLY CONSIDER IT. I HAVE SO MUCH RAGE POUNDING THROUGH ME, EVER SINCE TEMPEST GOT BLOWN UP. I'VE BEEN STRIKING OUT AT EVERYONE, EVERYTHING. IT WOULD BE SO EASY TO CRUSH JAMESON. SO EASY TO...


I KNEW IT! YOU...YOU BOASTER! YOU NOTHING!
YOU CALL YOURSELF A HERO?
YOU WANT TO SEE A HERO?
THOSE ARE HEROES! THE POWER PACK!
THE LIVING SYMBOLS OF OUR MOVEMENT!
"YOU CANNOT STOP THE SWEEP OF TIME, SPIDER-MAN, NO MATTER WHAT YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE HAPPEN!"
GIVE ME THAT! BEFORE YOU WIND UP HURTING SOMEBODY!
EEEYARRRHHH!!!!
THERE! ONE LESS THING FOR YOU T--
HUH?

JULIE!!!
NO! NOOOO!
UNHHH...
WHAT THE HELL--?!?!

SHE'S... A SKRULL?!
SO...SO JULIE IS STILL ALIVE SOMEWHERE! THIS ONE WAS AN IMPOSTOR...
OH, I THINK IT'S MORE PERVASIVE THAN THAT.
LET YOU BE UNCLOAKED FROM YOUR IMPOSTURE! LET YOUR TRUE FORMS BE REVEALED!
NO! THIS...THIS CAN'T...!
WE'RE SKRULLS?! WE'RE ALL SKRULLS?!?!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
IT'S A TRICK!!!
GET THEM!!!

HOW ABOUT THAT. THE HEROES AND THE FORCES OF S.H.I.E.L.D. UNITING AGAINST HIDDEN ENEMY INVADERS.
AND THAT SUGGESTS SOME POSSIBILITIES.
SUCH AS...
THAT YOU WERE IN CAHOOTS WITH THEM!
THAT YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING THIS ENTIRE "CIVIL WAR" FROM THE GET-GO AS PART OF YOUR EXTENDED INVASION!
NO! NO, I--
COME ON, JAMESON! IT'S OVER!
YOUR WHOLE LOUSY INVASION!
GET... GET OFF...
...OF...
...ME!

I'LL BE DAMNED. I WAS ONLY ABOUT FIFTY PERCENT SURE OF THAT.
THIS CAN'T BE! IT...IT CAN'T!
OF COURSE IT CAN!
DON'T YOU GET IT? YOU WERE UNDER DEEP COVER.
SO DEEP THAT THEY BRAINWASHED YOU SO EVEN YOU WOULDN'T KNOW!
THIS IS ALL A TRICK!
THEY EVEN CONJURED UP A BACKSTORY FOR YOU THAT YOU'D BELIEVE!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
OH, IT DEFINITELY IS. AND HERE'S THE THING:
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE.
HUMANS. SKRULLS. YOU'RE ALL THE SAME. SLIME FROM THE TOP DOWN.
THE TRUTH IS, I'M SICK OF ALL OF YOU.
OOOOOOFFF!
I JUST WANT CAP AND TO GO THE HELL HOME!

GET...
...GET OUT OF HERE.
YOU SERIOUS?
TAKE HER AND GO. I WON'T STOP YOU.
I'LL LET FURY KNOW NOT TO IMPEDE YOU.
PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU.

LYLA? ARE YOU READY TO BRING US THROUGH?
YES, MIGUEL. GOOD TIMING; THE DEVICE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO POWER DOWN IN FORTY-FIVE SECONDS TO RESET.
NUEVA YORK ZOO
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A QUICK GOOD-BYE, STRANGE.
YOUR HELP HAS BEEN SUPERB, S-MAN. SEEING THE GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATIVES REVEALED TO BE SKRULLS, AND THEN ALL OF US STOPPING THEM...
YEAH, BUT YOUR WORK'S STILL CUT OUT FOR YOU. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE MAY HAVE SEEN IT, BUT THEY'RE NOT IN CONTROL.
STILL, I GUESS FOLLOWING ULYSSES' VISION TURNED OUT ALRIGHT AFTER ALL. MAYBE YOUR HISTORY BOOKS ARE WRONG ABOUT THE GUY.
I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE. MY WARNING STANDS. YOU SHOULDN'T GET TOO TANGLED UP WITH HIM. HIS VISIONS COME AT A PRICE...
YOU LOVE BEING VAGUE, DON'T YOU? I'LL PASS YOUR WARNING ALONG WHEN I GET BACK. MAYBE WE CAN SET HIM STRAIGHT BEFORE THINGS GO BAD.
YES, WELL, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.
AND WHAT ABOUT JAMESON?
OH, HE'LL BE ATTENDED TO.
"ATTENDED TO." WONDER WHAT THE SHOCK THAT MEANS.

THIS ISN'T OVER. NOT BY A LONG-SHOT.
I'LL NEVER STOP UNTIL EVERY ONE OF THOSE HEROES IS--
OH, IT'S OVER, ALL RIGHT.
BECAUSE DEADPOOL IS HERE JUST IN TIME TO--
DAMMIT!
TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT: